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Project Title:

Radiogenomic Screen to Identify Novel Proliferation-associated Glioblastoma Genomic Therapeutic Targets: Discovery and Mechanistic Validation Study

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Lay Summary:

The purpose of the research is to uncover and validate novel, relevant, and clinically meaningful genomic targets that can be subsequently developed into a therapeutic and more personalized treatment for Glioblastoma, the most common primary brain tumor. Currently, the absence of a validated method for early and cost-effective genomic target identification and selection remains a critical barrier to the development of targeted therapeutics and personalized medicine; thus, despite recent advances in novel sequencing and microarray technologies, little progress has been made and the clinical course and everyday life of a cancer patient remains largely unchanged. This study is needed to address this critical barrier and utilizes imaging based-phenome to genome correlations to identify novel cancer-driving DNA and RNA based genomic alterations; the proposed study will result in validated novel genomic targets for subsequent transfer for the development of novel therapeutics and clinical trials.